

PLACER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Board of Supervisors Approve Expanding Commuter Bus Service

This morning, April 17, 2007, the Placer County Board of Supervisors approved a plan to expand Placer Commuter Express (PCE) service from two to three round trips per weekday. The board also approved a one-year contract extension with Amador Stage Lines to continue operating this service.

Amador will outfit an additional bus to begin service July 2, 2007. In the interim, Placer County Transit will add a third bus to the PCE schedule as soon as possible in May. We are working to prepare buses that we will operate on the third schedule with our own drivers until the Amador Stage bus is ready. We will notify you immediately once we have details about an official start date and a schedule. We will add an earlier morning bus and a bus between the existing times in the afternoon. Once the third schedule is in place, we will no longer run the "shadow bus" in either the afternoon or in the morning from Roseville.

As you know, PCE has become very popular with some buses near or exceeding capacity. In fact, ridership increased about 30 percent from March 2006 to March 2007. Thank you for your patience over the past several months as we have worked out all of the details to increase service.

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